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D. USNATO 5969 DTG 041639Z OCT 75

1. BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 6 SPC MEETING ON OPTION III, WE DISCUSSED THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION PAPER WITH FRG REP (HOYNCK), IN LIGHT OF US AND FRG INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS MEETING. WE INFORMED FRG REP OF US PREFERENCE NOT TO HAVE PRE-AGREED, ALL-PURPOSE PRESS STATEMENT SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED BY UK. HOYNCK SAID FRG COULD PROBABLY LIVE WITH A BRIEF, PRE-ARRANGED STATEMENT, TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A MORE DETAILED STATEMENT BASED ON THE POINTS IN SECTION II OF THE PAPER. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF US PREFERENCE, HE WOULD NOT RAISE THIS  
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POINT AT THIS MEETING. RE THE DUTCH CHANGES, HOYNCK SAID FRG HAD NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE, AND THAT AS LONG AS ALL THE POINTS IN SECTIONS II AND III WERE RETAINED, FRG WAS COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE AS TO WHICH SECTION THESE POINTS SHOULD BE IN.

2. HOYNCK SAID FRG WISHED TO PROPOSE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS IN THE PAPER (REF A), AND HE WOULD HOLD OFF DOING SO UNTIL WE GAVE HIM THE US REACTION.

3. FIRST, IN SECTION II (A), IN THE FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE "AND AIR", SO THAT THE REFERENCE WILL BE TO "A COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING ON THE GROUND FORCE MANPOWER ON BOTH SIDES". THIS IS IN LINE WITH FRG VIEW THAT A CEILING ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER CONTINUES TO BE CENTRAL. SIMILARLY, IN SECTION II (C) FRG WOULD REVISE LAST SENTENCE TO READ: "FURTHERMORE, THE ALLIES HAVE PROPOSED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING FOR GROUND FORCE MANPOWER TO BE REACHED IN PHASE II, THERE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED A COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING TO COVER AIR AS WELL AS GROUND FORCE MANPOWER". FRG CONSIDERS THAT THESE CHANGES WOULD BRING THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION PAPER INTO ACCORD WITH THE POSITION PAPER ON THIS POINT.

4. SECOND, FRG PROPOSED AMENDING THE FINAL SENTENCE OF SECTION II (D) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "TAKEN TOGETHER WITH PREVIOUS ALLIED PROPOSALS, IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT EASTERN DEMANDS TO ADDRESS AIR AND NUCLEAR FORCES". THIS WOULD AVOID ANY INDICATION THAT EASTERN "CONCERNS", PER THE PRESENT SECTION II (D) WERE LEGITIMATE. (COMMENT: FRG HAD PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED IN BILATERAL CONTEXT THE DELETION OF THE SENTENCE IN QUESTION ON GROUNDS THAT IT MIGHT INDICATE IN SOME WAY ALLIED WEAKNESS, AND THE US WAS PREPARED TO DELETE THE SENTENCE IF FRG INSISTED, (PER PARA 3 C, REF B. THUS WE ASSUME THAT MODIFICATION OF THE SENTENCE ALONG FRG LINES WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.).

5. FRG WISHES TO CHANGE "WILL NOT BE OVERLOOKED BY THE EAST" TO "WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE EAST" IN SECTION II (E), SECOND SENTENCE. IN SECTION II (F), THE WORDS "AND AIR" WOULD BE DELETED FROM SECOND SENTENCE FOR SAME REASON AS IN PARA 3 ABOVE. FINALLY, IN SECTION III (F), SECOND SENTENCE WOULD  
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BEGIN: "THIS STRATEGY, BASED ON THE TRIAD OF NATO FORCES...ETC."

6. AT SPC MEETING, FRG REP MADE THE POINTS ABOUT THE DUTCH CHANGES IN PARA 1 ABOVE. HE RE-AFFIRMED FRG VIEW THAT THE NAC MUST CONFIRM THE AHG JUDGMENT ON USE OF MATERIAL IN THE PAPER. HE ALSO NOTED FRG WOULD HAVE A FEW CHANGES TO SUGGEST IN THE TEXT.

7. US REP (MOORE) COMMENTED ON UK PROPOSAL PER PARA 1, REF C. HE WELCOMED THE FACT THAT THE DUTCH CHANGES MAINTAINED THE IDEA OF ELEMENTS OF A PRESS STATEMENT AND CONTINGENCY ARGUMENTS, AS OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF A PRE-ARRANGED, ALL-PURPOSE STATEMENT, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE GUIDANCE ON THE SPECIFIC DUTCH CHANGES.

8. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID THAT IF THE UK APPROACH WERE FOLLOWED, THE TEXT WOULD HAVE TO BE MUCH SHORTER.

9. DUTCH REP (MEESMAN) SAID US REP WAS RIGHT THAT THE DUTCH PREFERRED THE SEPARATE ELEMENTS APPROACH, AND IN FACT THE DUTCH DID NOT FAVOR THE UK APPROACH. THE NETHERLANDS WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE FINAL DECISION ON USE OF THE MATERIAL WITH THE AHG, BUT IF OTHER DELEGATIONS FEEL STRONGLY, THE DUTCH WOULD AGREE TO FINAL ROLE FOR NAC.

10. UK REP (BAILES) REITERATED UK VIEW THAT THE AHG MIGHT HAVE TO REACT VERY QUICKLY TO LEAKS ON OPTION III, AND UK REMAINS CONVINCED THAT MOST RAPID ACTION WOULD BE PRMITTED BY PRE-AGREED CONTINGENCY STATEMENT.

11. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

- A) COMMENT ON FRG AMENDMENTS IN PARAS 3-5 ABOVE;
  - B) COMMENT ON DUTCH APPROACH (REF D) IN LIGHT OF FRG FLEXIBILITY ON THIS APPROACH, AS LONG AS ALL POINTS IN SECTIONS II AND III OF PAPER ARE RETAINED.
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